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Student services fees may go up

Students oppose political chickens

BY JONATHAN DESBARATS

Members of McGill's administration are proposing student fee increases for next year to pay for student services. But student representatives say the hikes may not be necessary, and are angry with the administration's tactics.

"The administration is playing a game of political chicken with students," said Students' Society president Jason Prince.

Administrators are working in conjunction with student representatives on the Committee for the Co-ordination of Student Services (CCSS) to hammer out next year's student services budget.

Staff members on the committee are proposing drastic measures including fee hikes and service cuts. But the students feel they're in an impossible situation, and the administration is unlikely to take their views into account.

"We are being told not to get involved," said post-graduate student society representative Bob Collins. "The bottom line is that the administration is going to change whatever they want."

The CCSS is made up of equal numbers of administrators and students. Its function is to advise the Dean of Students about student services.

But regardless of the outcome of the debate between students and administrators, the Dean of Students makes the final recommendation to the Senate.

Student representatives say the student body deserves more control over budget matters.

"These are student services, paid for by students," said Collins.

Students pay for 65 per cent of the student services budget directly in student fees and service levies. The remaining 35 per cent is acquired through provincial grants.

Mental health services, athletics, and counselling are some of the areas which could be cut to balance the proposed budget. Students would like to see cuts in more peripheral areas.

"It's always the sharp end stuff that gets cut," said Collins. "It's like the old scenario where the mayor tells the fire chief to cut his expenses, so the chief sells his fire engines."

Prince described the proposed budget as "shoddy" and "inconsistent". He pointed out that the administration overbudgeted \$90 000 in areas such as stationery and repairs in last year's budget.

"The administration has gotten into the habit of building a slush fund by overbudgeting in smaller areas," said Prince.

The over-budgeted funds are later re-allocated into other areas, he said. But this re-allocation is done without consulting the students.

In a last ditch attempt to avoid cuts

in services, students attending last Monday's CCSS meeting requested a complete review of the proposed budget.

The students also plan to request a student/staff committee be set up to oversee the transferral of overbudgeted funds.

The students would like to go through the proposed budget on a line item basis. But members of the administration claim such an analysis is unrealistic.

"If the students want to get involved at that detailed of a level, they need to do more work in advance," said Alfred Jaeger, associate dean of management.

But student representatives claim they have been systematically patronized and misinformed by the administration. According to Prince, they requested detailed information on last year's budget and actual expenditures for a meeting last November. Prince received the information last week.

Student representatives have ideas of their own on how to save money in student services. One suggested area for cuts is the reserve fund, originally set up to offset a drastic drop in enrollment. Students say the fund has become obsolete.

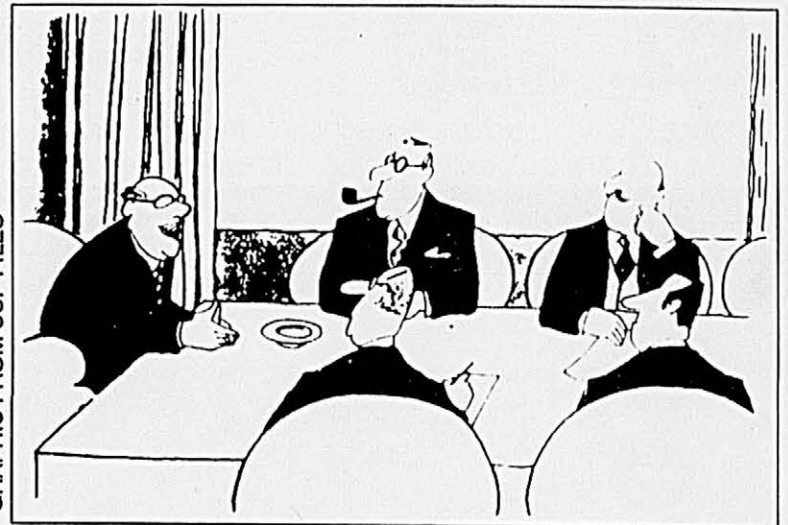
"Enrollment has been increasing for the last fifteen years, and shows no sign of dropping off," said Prince.

"If they're saving this fund for a rainy day, rainy days are here," said Collins. "Are they waiting to build an ark?" he said.

Presently, the reserve fund eats up 9.7 per cent of the proposed budget. Prince said students would like to see that figure drop to five per cent.

Administrators defended the fund.

"The reserve fund is needed to respond to any sudden change in demand for services on campus," said Wes Cross, Financial Officer to the Dean of Students. The solution will have to be a combination of cuts in



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"We could save money by cutting Gopnik's salary — nah."

services and student fee hikes, he said.

Students and administrators will try and work out their differences today at a special meeting of the financial sub-committee of CCSS.

This year's disputes between student and administrative members of the CCSS are the latest in a series of

disagreements on the committee.

Last year student representatives complained that administrators didn't consult them properly, and ignored their concerns. The result was that student senators united to vote against the staff majority on the senate, and walked out when the budget was approved.

City megaprojects undercut social housing



BY NEAL COLGRASS

Social housing in Montreal is down this year from 1200 to 350 new dwelling units, possibly in order to finance the city's expensive risk capital projects.

The "Purchasing Program" of the Société d'habitation et de développement de Montréal (SHDM), which is in the middle of a 10-year program to buy, renovate, and cheaply sell 50 000 dwellings to Montréal residents, is having its budget cut by three quarters.

At the same time, Montréal City Council offered the SHDM and SODIM (Société de développement industriel de Montréal) \$40 million — but most of it was designated to pay for the societies' share of ownership costs in the World Trade Centre.

"They are financing big projects, elephants blancs like the World Trade Centre, which is only 30% occupied," says Pierre Goudreau, spokesperson of FRAPRU, a housing rights group. "So the city is paying for those deficit projects, and cutting social programs at the SHDM."

But according to John Gardiner, a councillor in the governing MCM party, purchases like this do not detract from the SHDM's Purchasing Program budget.

Those who accuse the MCM of diverting housing money into investment projects "aren't involved in how the city works," he said. "They're inventing the reasons that they think are appropriate."

He went on to explain that the SHDM was affected by a cross-the-board budget cuts made last year by the Doré government.

The MCM is actually prepared to give millions to social housing this year in Montréal, Gardiner claimed. "In development, about \$350 000; in supporting past purchases, \$3.5 million; to solidify their financial portfolio, another several million dollars."

The SHDM, apparently unaware of Gardiner's plan, said they were planning unprecedented lay-offs for 1993. Asked whether the housing cutbacks were related to projects like the World Trade Centre, Michèle Perron of the SHDM said, "Oh no, it's not the same. There's no connection between the two budgets. But maybe they put less in social housing if they didn't have that money anymore."

In March of 1991, the SHDM began one of its capital projects, spending \$50 million on the roughly 6 million square feet of earth under the Blue Bonnet Raceway.

Martine Philibert of the SHDM

says that Blue Bonnet will remain a deficit project for years, as taxes and interest on over \$40 million in loans should cost more than \$4 million annually until the land is sold. "It will take 20 years to develop the whole project," she told the *Daily*.

Sam Boskey, a city councillor with the opposition Democratic Coalition, blames projects like Blue Bonnet and the World Trade Centre for eating up housing funds.

"They had no business getting involved with risk capital in the first place. Now they have far less money for housing." Their political priorities are misplaced, he said, tied to "speculative business operations."

Marcel Seveigny, an independent councillor, said that the government's first priority should be "service to Montréal citizens and poverty in Montréal. It's not the place of the City of Montréal to invest in risk capital projects" like the World Trade Centre. "If the private sector thinks it's a good investment, they'll invest the money."

According to Seveigny, the SHDM should realize that "they don't lose money with the housing program. When they sell the property to co-op organizations, they create jobs and taxpayers."

"But the World Trade Centre was only for the international image of Montréal. It's the same reason why they spent \$24 million to renovate City Hall. The first project, at \$6 or \$7 million, was done for important security reasons. But the next year, they decided to renovate all of City Hall, with marble bathrooms, etc., for \$24 million."

"The problem with the SHDM is that it is not controlled by the City Council," said Seveigny.

"The SHDM doesn't make its decisions by itself, because its objectives are

determined by the Executive Committee. When the City of Montréal decides it's important to invest in the Trade Centre, they ask the SHDM to put in the money."

According to Sam Boskey, the SHDM is "like any crown corporation. They're there to carry out the city's commercial mandates."

Arnold Bennett of the MCM admits that the cutback will lead to a year of poor housing in Montréal. The tragedy of the cut, said Bennett, is the timing. Because of this year's low real estate market, the SHDM could be buying cheap property.

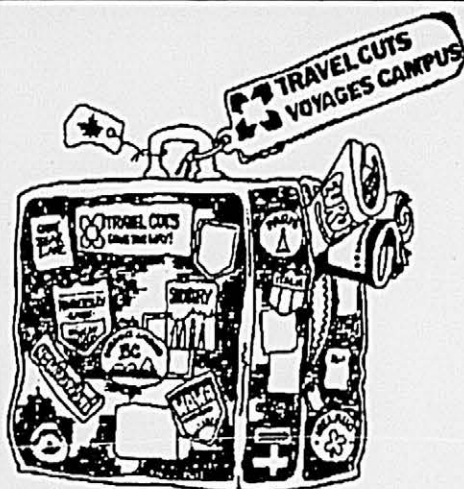
"But," he added, "the market should be dead next year too. There's an 8.7% vacancy rate, so there'll be more selling." He maintained that "It is a safe year to consolidate," as many old projects from '92 will be completed and sold in 1993.

Perhaps unaware of Gardiner's plan to "inject much more money in social housing" this year, Bennett told the *Daily* that SHDM's future was up in the air. If the recession continues, he said, "Who the hell knows what's going to happen in '94?"

What the SHDM needs, said Bennett, is to have its housing budget guaranteed in the city's forthcoming economic development policy. It "should promise that SHDM housing money be made independent. So projects like the World Trade Centre don't make the social housing programs suffer."

Bennett claimed that housing's greatest fear is not the MCM, but the Civic Party. "The Civic Party hates the SHDM because they're racists. In the next election, if the Civic Party wins, and you think Doré's been bad, just wait. It's back to the Stone Age."

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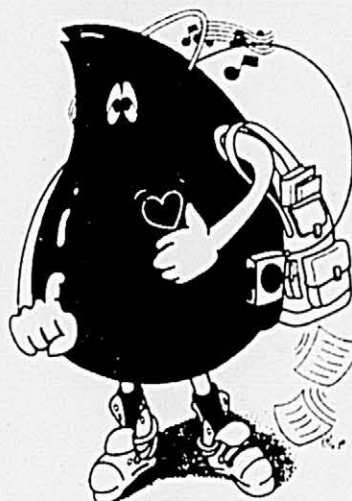
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PC youth plotting student government takeover

Toronto (CUP) — Progressive Conservatives are plotting a takeover of student governments in Canada, says a document released by the Young Reformers two weeks ago.

But members of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation (PCYF) deny the accusation.

The document, entitled PCYF Post-Secondary Strategy for 1992-93 outlines the need for members of the federal party's youth wing to "build a sustained cross-Canada network of student activists that may be mobilized for conservative projects".

The plan outlines three campaigns to accomplish the goal — an "anti-political correctness campaign" to "take over the intellectual debate on campus from the organized student left", an organized attack on the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), and student government takeovers.

"Success at taking student governments will allow us to divert the student government resources away from the political causes of the student left and towards the accomplishment of the goals of the PCYF and our party in Canada," it states.

But PCYF post-secondary director Justin Brown said the document isn't federation policy and he doesn't know who wrote it.

"It is a document that was submitted to me, but it is not our official policy," said Brown. "We didn't spend any money on it or act on it, and we didn't release it."



Members of Toronto campus conservative groups say they've never heard of the strategy.

"If it was a PCYF document I would receive a copy of it. I ques-

tion the validity of the letter if other groups are receiving copies of it but campus members are not," said Nicole Sandig, president of the University of Toronto Progressive

Conservatives.

The document says the strategy was supposed be released to campus PC groups last August at their National Campaign College, but it

was never distributed.

Instead, it is being circulated across Canada by the Young Reform Party.

"We received it from our head office in Calgary," said Caroline Nestor, president of the U of T Young Reformers. "They got it from a former youth organizer of the Tory Youth who is now a Reform party member."

Stephanie Mullen, president of the Carleton Reform Party, said she found the document in her mailbox. Mullen said she decided to publicize the four-page document because she thought it was "disturbing."

Along with the document, Young Reformers across Canada received a memo Dec. 22 outlining how to get the document to students.

The memo says the Reform Party has nothing to gain directly by bringing the document to the press, but it does outline a four-point plan on dealing with the campus media.

Brown doesn't think the media attention will damage the PCYF's image.

"I don't think it will hurt us once people realize that it's not our policy," he said. "The Reform Party is having fun with it. I would not be surprised if the Reform Party was in on it from the beginning."

Nestor denies the Young Reformers are distributing the Tory plan for political gain.

"We just want students to know about the Tory agenda," she said. "People should know in advance before (campus) elections."

DAILY GRAPHIC: JAMES FORBES

Midwifery degree to be offered in Ontario

Québec midwives look on with envy

BY KATHY BUNKA

Midwives in Ontario will soon need a Bachelor's degree in midwifery to practice in the province. Midwives say the added credibility of a university degree will make midwives and natural births more popular.

"I think more people will choose midwives as a result of the university training," said Robin Kilpatrick, a practising midwife in the Association of Ontario Midwives.

Beginning in September, McMaster University in Hamilton, Laurentian University in Sudbury and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto will offer three-year baccalaureate degrees in midwifery.

"Formal university training is just what is needed," said Kilpatrick.

Midwives say doctors and nurses are apprehensive about accepting midwives as primary caregivers because they do not know what sort of training they have received.

Doctors, nurses, faculty, students and consumers will comprise an advisory board to oversee the program.

Jill Hesley, a communications specialist at the college of physicians and surgeons in Ontario said, "We are fully supportive of this initiative."

Québec's midwives are currently struggling with doctors in the province who remain sceptical of midwife philosophy and training.

"Midwifery is for the birds," said Dr. Augustin Roi, president of the Corporation of Professional Doctors in Québec.

"People are bent on complete freedom in our society," he said. "Given the freedom, some women who are stupid enough will take the risk of delivering at home."

Betsy Thomas, a midwifery advocate in Montréal said, "Natural birth is an issue of the power of women in society. A struggle is being waged now between women and the doctors who are limiting their choices."

Midwives contend that doctors fear a diminution of their role.

Roi said training midwives in universities would duplicate professionals able to deliver children. "It's an unnecessary expense — it's for the birds," he said.

Kilpatrick denied that the roles of doctors, nurses and midwives will be muddled. "The role of each health care provider will be clarified," she said.

Margaret-Ann McHugh, midwifery implementation coordinator in the Ontario Ministry of Health concurred.

"The big difference is that the doctor will be out of the picture," said McHugh.

In conjunction with the midwife training degree, the ministry is aiming to establish free-standing birthing

centres by the end of the year.

Presently there are four in-hospital "pilot" birthing centres in four Ontario cities. Funded under the Ontario government's independent health facilities act, these centres will be sites for midwifery.

The first-year midwifery class will have only 26 students spread out in the three universities. Elaine Hykawy, manager for policy and programmes

at the ministry of colleges and universities said that by 1996 there will be 122 students enrolled.

"We're starting off slowly because a large portion of the programme is practical midwife training. And locales for this training will need to be developed," she said.

Midwives herald a philosophy that embraces birth as a normal physiological event. They promote "natural

births", meaning childbirth without drugs.

In addition, midwifery stresses continuity of care, individualized care for the female and more choices of birthplace.

"We treat the female as the primary decision-maker and we help her to make informed choices during pregnancy, labour, birth and the postpartum period," said Kilpatrick.

New women's journal at McGill

BY JOYCE LAU

"Women unite...and write" — that's the phrase McGill's Women's Union is using to promote its new feminist/womanist journal for the women writers of McGill.

"For a woman on campus, it's really easy to be depressed in a world of unsafe streets and sexual stereotypes," said editor Anna Greenberg. While the journal will bring women's issues into light, it will also focus on "the positive sides to being a woman," said editor Celia Moore.

Coordinators Beth Feinberg, Celia Moore, Anna Greenberg, Stephanie Conway, Kate Thorton and Daiah Heller have already started work on the journal, to come out on March 3, International Women's Day.

The Women's Union will appeal to Students' Society and the Post-Graduate Students' Society for funding. The Women's Union is looking for student submissions of everything and anything from poetry, essays, shories, interviews, to interviews and letters. Anna

assures writers that works will not be judged on how "feminist" they are. She said the focus of the journal will be determined by the types of works submitted.

Both Moore and Greenberg believe that the three literary publications and limited creative writing courses offered at McGill hardly suffice in activating student writers, especially women. Lagging behind other universities, McGill has not seen an outlet set aside for women writers since the days of *Hejina*, published from 1983-85.

The journal's release in March will kick off International Women's Week. The week will feature a four-day Players' Theater cabaret, films, speakers, workshops and hopefully a panel discussion as well as a chance to view, buy and sell the works of women artists.

The deadline for submissions is February 1. The Women's Union is holding a meeting, followed by a wine and cheese on Tues Jan 19 at 17h30, Union 423. All are welcome to attend meetings, drop off submissions or just drop by Union 423. You can also call 398-6823.

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comment

Breeders in love

Been thinking about falling in love.

Been thinking it's a stupid thing to do, but want to do it anyway.

Trouble is, "falling in love" is not just about caring about somebody a lot, snuggling up to them on cold nights and all. It's a specific program, a movie in your mind, with a script, a cast, costumes and scenery. Choices are limited, and it seems there's no way out.

And the script is stupid. It involves a man and a woman who have the hots for each other pledging each other into mutual servitude and multiple clichés.

She's in love with him. He's in love with her. She hangs on his every word, thinks about him all the time, sighs and listens to top-forty songs thinking they're all about her, or at least they *should* be.

The man has two choices: be frat/jock slimeball-man (FJSM) or be politically correct slimeball-man (PCSM). Both are equally slimey, but the PCSM is "sensitive" to his power role. Therefore, the PCSM feels guilty about deciding the woman likes him. The PCSM is pretty scary if you actually end up going out with him.

Both think a lot about their dicks, but the PCSM thinks about how his dick is an instrument of oppression, and how George Bush and Columbus had dicks as well, blah, blah, blah. Pretty phallogocentric if you ask us.

Notice we specify genders for this. That's because in this here script there ain't no queers — men act like real men and women act like real women.

Real women in love like "their" men to be jealous, 'cause it shows that they care. Faced with a non-responsive, emotionally cold man, a real woman will think, "Oh, a challenge. I can change him, I am the one who will know his true inner beauty."

Being "in love" is like a bunch of lines on a football field, except you're playing water polo. From seeing someone, to going out, to saying "I love you", each gets you more points on the way to the big, expensive touchdown we like to call Marriage. And if you decide to stop along the way, the pressure's on. Suddenly everyone is on the sidelines chanting "Commit, commit, commit".

We wish we had a prescription for this, but we don't. All we can say is that it's just too easy to fall into a pattern that is oppressive and kinda foolish. Better to avoid it.

So, if you find yourself falling in love with someone, go fuck someone else.

Fiona McCaw
Michael Rottmayer
Rebecca Handford

Letters

This letter, unedited

To the Daily:

This letter is regarding a letter published by your paper January 11, 1993. In the letter Mr. Fabrikant is asking for information and donations from others who have had experiences similar to those he is claiming.

We assume the ideals of freedom of speech, the right to a fair trial and access to information are your motive behind the publication of the article.

We however have a hard time with the intention and meaning of the article. The tone of the letter is a derogatory one with the blame obviously being focused on Concordia University and its professors. We find it hard to believe that in the name of good journalism your paper can publish this letter unedited, as it is from a man who has

admitted to shooting his colleagues.

It is our hope that in the future you will consider the source, reliability and motives behind those sending you letters before publishing them.

Student Council
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Not Douglas Coupland

To the Daily:

re: English Lit 101

Once again the McGill Daily has sunk to new lows. And to think that I honestly believed that my last letter, regarding your Windsor Castle transgression, had caught you at the nadir of student journalism. However, by attacking the Pillar as a "literary

abortion" you seem to be overlooking the fact that at least the Pillar has some merit.

Many students at this university look forward to reading the Pillar when it is printed, whereas I think a decreasing number of students find much interesting in the Daily.

Incidentally, when you criticize someone for overdosing on Douglas Coupland, perhaps you should make it clear if you are really referring to Douglas Coupland, the popular Canadian novelist, or some other Coupland worthy of overdose.

As for your comment that "the sanitized layout is puzzling with its various vacant spaces", the most interesting vacant spaces in any student publication, in my opinion, are the ones that appear regularly on your masthead. Perhaps the fact that the Daily no longer has a culture, features, news or science editor would explain why it is a rare issue that contains any culture, news, science or features. Grow up guys; perhaps you should spend more time filling your own vacancies before you worry about those in other publications.

With contempt and disgust,
Michael Broadhurst
U2 Arts

Being an editor

To the Daily:

re: comment, January 14

The Pillar wishes it to be known that all submissions to either fiction or poetry are judged *anonymously* by the staff and editors of each section. Through this democratic evaluation process, the works are selected for publication, at which time the authors' identities are revealed.

Thus, the accusation that "being an editor" is sufficient reason for publication is both wrong and insulting to the magazine and its contributors.

The Staff of the Pillar

Not even Douglas Coupland

To the Daily:

My article on Seattle and Prague in the Pillar was written in the style of Jay McInerney, not Douglas Coupland. Sheesh!

Katrina Onstad
Arts U3

What would Darius James say?

To the Daily:

re: your "comment" of January 14

While I have been offended by your "comment" column in the past, I accept this gracefully as a sign of good editorial page, and look forward to being made weekly irate by the pontificating of Dan Robins & co. Last week's review of the Pillar, however, exceeded soundly the limits of good editorializing and plunged into the abyss of hysterical slander.

The criticisms of the poetry section were patronizing and superficial, offering only a sarcastic dismissal of Zeus, coffee and boy-girl stuff as suitable subject matter for student verse, the accusation of "white, upper-middle class, heterosexist offerings" unexplained (written by THREE WHITE GUYS — what would Darius James say?), the hints of social-climbing-via-writing-for-the-Pillar laughable. "He writes for the Pillar, and he drinks Johnny Walker!"

"Literary abortion"? Try "editorial hysterectomy" or "journalistic lobotomy".

Laura Williamson
U3 Arts

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.



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"We must move past indecision to action."

"If we do not act we shall surely be dragged down the long and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

January 15th would have been Martin Luther King's 64th birthday. He was assassinated by a hail of bullets on the balcony of a Memphis motel on April 4th 1968. To many his death signalled the end of a dream.

After many years of lobbying by groups like the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) and the Rainbow Coalition, he was officially immortalized with the declaration of his birthday as a National Day of Remembrance.

Last year, I saw video footage of "soon to be former" President George Herbert Walker Bush linking arms with Coretta Scott King as they sang "We Shall Overcome".

Mr. Bush had been opposed to the Civil Rights Bill in the 1960s when he ran for a US Senatorial seat in Texas... I suppose a career in politics allows one the necessary time to evolve and mature.

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I respect Dr. King as a courageous man, a brother who was wholly dedicated to the survival and prosperity of his African family in America along with all those throughout the world suffering under the yoke of oppression. His life must be celebrated as one which exhibited the type of sacrifice and commitment that we all would do well to emulate.

What worries me is that the deification of Dr. King by the media in recent years has tended to trivialize his message. I am tired of seeing it reduced to the facile slogan "I have a dream."

In death, the man has become larger than

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the ideas he espoused. In the process, the subversive nature of his message has been diluted - the passion and fire has all but been extinguished.

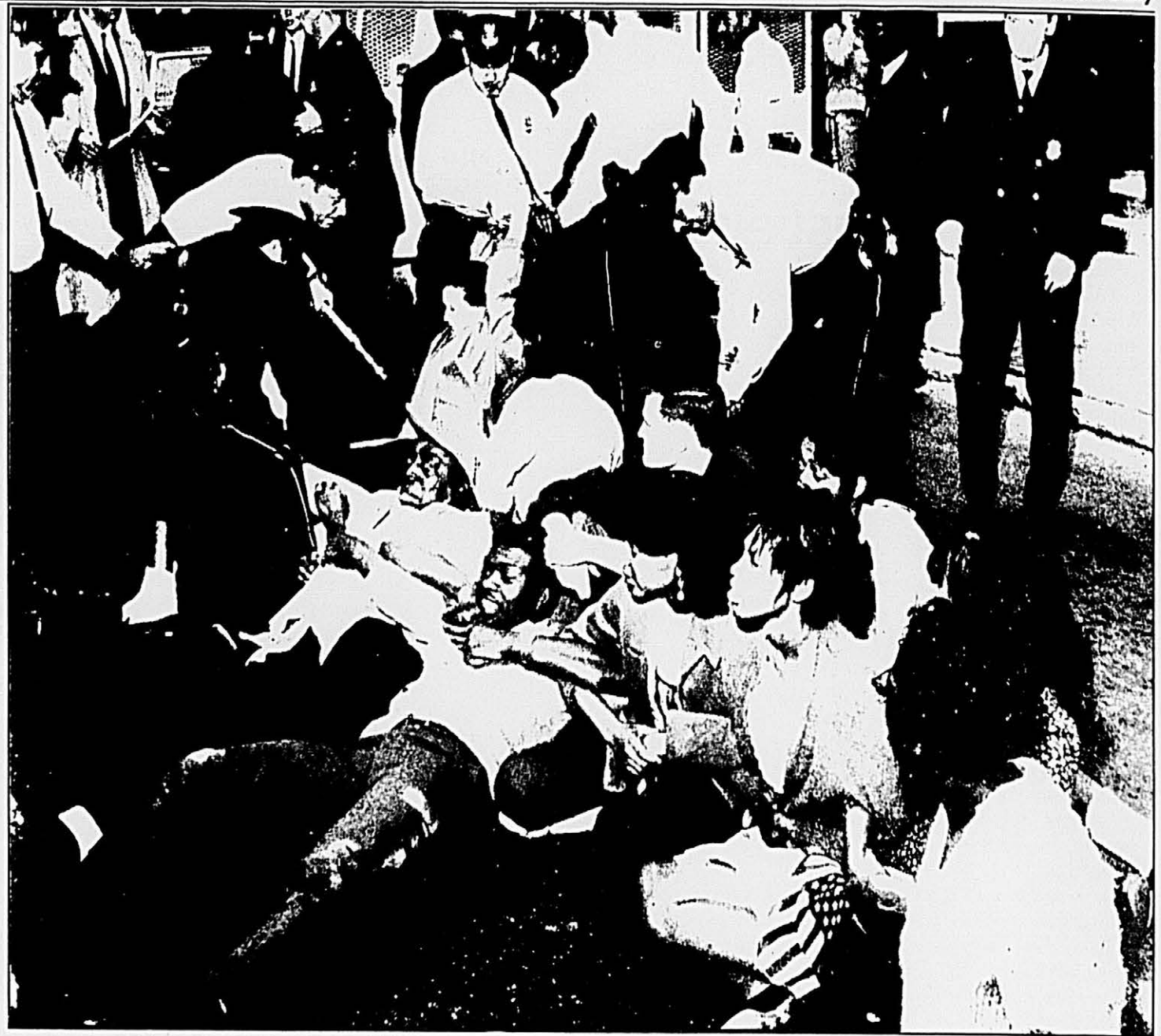
Dr. King, above all else, preached the necessity for action.

"There must be more than a statement to the larger society: there must be a force that interrupts its functioning at some point."

People have paid an inordinate amount of attention to the man while neglecting the ideas and the movement that he represented.

Martin was the spokesperson for this army of change. The people were the fibre of this movement. He had the capacity to articulate their pain and frustration in a fiery, forthright manner.

We must remember that in his fight he did



Beyond an icon: opinion by Adrian Harewood **the ideas of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

not stand alone. His legacy is also that of the "Little Rock Nine" who, despite their youth, showed profound courage and strength in the midst of adversity. By defying the mob of white supremacists that sought in 1957 to keep Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas a bastion of white power.

Martin's legacy is also the legacy of Ella Baker, herself a major presence in the Civil Rights Movement who would have certainly

one of us possesses the capacity to enact positive change. We need commitment and consciousness.

We are in a veritable state of war, a war of values when children in Montréal go to school hungry every day. When elementary schools in poorer neighborhoods have no books, we are at war. When the system is bent on systematically crushing our spirit, destroying our will to live, we must ask ourselves what we have done to eradicate this oppression.

What did we do when we heard - from former US attorney General Ramsey Clark among others - that there were over 300,000 victims of collateral damage rendered by the 50,000 "allied" (sic) sorties during the Gulf War?

What did we do when we heard that a man was beaten to death in Montréal because his assailants thought he was gay? What did we do when Kahnetasake was under siege?

What did we say when Marcellus François was assassinated by the MUC police as he innocently sat in his car? What did we do when seven Jewish synagogues were desecrated?

What did we do when members of our community attempted to inform the Montréal police of the gravity of the situation in the ghetto and they reacted with indifference?

The next time we could be the unfortunate victims of our own neglect.

We must demand our freedom.

Through his actions, Martin admonished us to reclaim our power. We have to stop dreaming in technicolour. We must be steadfast in our commitment for change.

Martin certainly was, Daisy Bates, Angela Davis, Medger Evers was. So was Fannie Lou Hamer as were Schwerer, Goodman and

Chaney. They sacrificed themselves for the cause of their people. They recognized that a people in bondage could not wait for tomorrow.

We have to be willing to pay the price for our freedom. We have to take the revolution out of our history books and into the streets - free our minds from the manacles that have often prevented it's evolution. Our anger and frustration is just, shout it out, act it out!

Dr. King said "...the calling to speak is often the vocation of agony but we must speak. We must speak with all the humility that is appropriate to our limited vision, but we must speak."

Towards the end of his life Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of how he had grown tired of marching, tired of fighting for rights that ought to have been his by virtue of his American citizenship. He seemed to be resigned to the fact that his country was suffering from the type of spiritual callousness and moral emptiness that had no regard for the lives of his brothers and sisters.

In the Massey Lectures he delivered for the CBC in 1967 he chastised the government of Lyndon Baines Johnson for the violence it was wreaking in Vietnam. His more caustic tone was indicative of the transition he was at.

The time for dreaming had long passed. His commitment to non-violence as being the most effective means of achieving liberation seemed to be waning. Perhaps now it was a time for a different kind of action.

There is an adage that "good things come to those who wait" but that's not my jive, old and tired, definitely not where it's at. Better things come to those who act.

Lesbians and Gays condemn cabinet minister

CALGARY (CUP) — A provincial cabinet minister's comments have lesbians and gays at the University of Alberta furious.

Alberta Community Development Minister Dianne Mirosh, also responsible for the Alberta Human Rights Commission, suspended the Commission's initiative to investigate complaints based on sexual orientation, claiming that gays and lesbians already seem to have more rights than anyone else.

Mirosh is seeking an opinion from the provincial minister of justice about whether such investigations by the commission are legally permissible.

"Mirosh's comments cause me to doubt whether I am welcome in my community. I feel that my humanity has been devalued," said a member of GLASS, the campus gay, lesbian and bisexual group.

The group is hoping to start a human rights committee on campus.

"Yeah, even animals have more rights than we do," said another student.

Alberta is currently one of only two provinces which does not include sexual orientation in its Individual Rights Protection Act.

When asked about her controversial statements, a spokesperson for Mirosh said "there was a perception on the part of Albertans that because (gays and lesbians) are an articulate and politically well-organized group, they have pushed the Human Rights commission ... in a manner that seems to constitute giving them more rights."

Mirosh's position was only a reflection of her constituents' concern that "there's a better way of setting



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public policy than he who commands the greatest attention in the press," the spokesperson said.

Gay and lesbian groups may be getting some media coverage, but GLASS members say that hasn't stopped incidents of discriminatory violence and gay-bashing.

"This summer, the GLASS office door had a message written on it inviting us to a gay and lesbian bashing," said Greg Lane, GLASS co-chair.

Lane said a student was assaulted last fall because of his sexual orientation.

Sheila, a GLASS member who declined to give her last name, added that comments like Mirosh's are not helping the gay and lesbian movement.

"On one side I'm pleased there's some publicity, and that people are thinking about us," she said. "We're not invisible. On the other hand, ... because most of the publicity has been negative, it makes the rednecks think ... public opinion is on their side and that gets the ball rolling in a negative way."

events

The James Bay Coalition is having their first meeting of the term — all welcome. Union 425/6 at 16h30. For info, call 495-1482.

The Lesbian and Gay Employees of McGill (LAGEM) meets in the Council Room at Thompson House at 17h30. Welcome to all.

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AIDS Community Care in the Black and Blue

BY JAMES FORBES

AIDS Community Care Montréal had a lot of fun and raised a lot of money last year, and this year they plan to do it again.

Representatives of the AIDS group, known as ACCM, a non-profit voluntary direct AIDS care group reported on their doings at a press conference last week. Direct care means support, care, and counselling for people living with AIDS, their families, spouses, partners and children.

ACCM currently receives its operating budget solely through fundraising and awareness campaigns around Montréal. During the last year they ran a red ribbon campaign at social events, and the extremely successful Black and Blue party (organized by the Bad Boy Club of Montréal), as well as the Wet and Wild party at K.O.X, they raised over \$30 000 for direct funding of their projects.

In keeping with the successes of the past, ACCM head Jock Newman outlined the projects for the year

ahead. "We have three events currently scheduled, the Black and Blue, again with the help of the Saint at Large (a gay party organization from N.Y.), another ribboning campaign, and a bigger, better Wet and Wild in May," said Newman.

Organizers hope these efforts will raise at least \$25 000 for ACCM's operating budget in 1993.

Newman said the biggest barrier to the continued success of ACCM is involvement on corporate and provincial and national levels.

"Because of the recession, a lot of companies have been reluctant to donate money," said Newman.

David Cassidy, a social worker with ACCM, said Québec seems particularly reluctant to find the funding for AIDS related concerns.

"This province is not dealing with the crisis in a responsible manner by giving out monies to fund the various kinds of programmes being run."

Québec is far behind other provinces in funding for AIDS care programmes.

Another factor limiting ACCM's

funding is competition with other non-profit groups.

"Part of the problem is coordination among ourselves in the AIDS community so that we aren't competing for the same funding dollar," said Cassidy.

Cassidy, attributed the closure of Nazareth house, an AIDS hospice, to this competition. "You have to realize that when Nazareth house started, it was the only one competing for funding, and now there are eight hospices competing for the same dollar, the demand has increased dramatically."

ACCM also runs education programmes in local schools, although they have run into considerable problems with the Catholic and Protestant school boards of Montréal.

"Some schools have allowed us in during the past year, but so far no one has come forward this year inviting us in. A lot of school boards don't want to hear about sex, let alone having people living with AIDS and condoms in their schools," said Lynn Perkins, ACCM fundraising coordinator.

Grande Prairie Tapestry attacked by student council

BY DAN ROBINS

The student paper at Grande Prairie Regional College in Alberta is under attack from what staffers call a "malicious and power-hungry" student council.

The Grande Prairie student association froze the Tapestry's accounts in December, citing "student concerns" with the paper's finances and several articles printed last term.

But, according to Tapestry General Manager Peter Sanderson, these student concerns arose only after the paper's staff began investigating the student association's employee relations.

"They shut us down within a week of finding out we were going to start investigating potential abuse of their employees," he said.

They were also going to investigate "a list of bylaw violations as long as your arm" in the council's operation, including their recent increase of the executives' salaries.

He added that no students had approached the Tapestry demanding that it be shut down.

"They have no legitimate grounds for shutting down the newspaper," he said.

Ken Price, president of the student association, said it was "just a coincidence" that the shut-down so closely followed the paper's investigations.

He said the Tapestry had been shut down because the staff refused to meet with the student



association to discuss perceived problems with both finances and content.

Sanderson said Price was using financial concerns as "a smokescreen" to hide the real reason — council was threatened by the paper.

"Nothing's been spent outside of normal operating expenses," he said.

But Sanderson said to meet with the student association would have meant capitulating to "the boardroom and mutual appreciation society" that is student politics.

He said the student association had no right to demand meetings with the Tapestry.

"Our relationship with the student association is, constitutionally and historically, only financial. That's where the relationship ends," he said.

Price disagreed.

"The Tapestry should be accountable to students, and the executive council and general council who represent them," he said.

"We're the voice of the students, we fund the paper," he added.

Sanderson said he was not optimistic about the Tapestry's future.

"The only way there's going to be real change is if the current administration ceases and desists in their unethical practices. Otherwise, the only solution might be their removal," said Sanderson.

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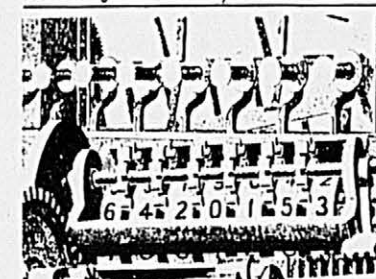
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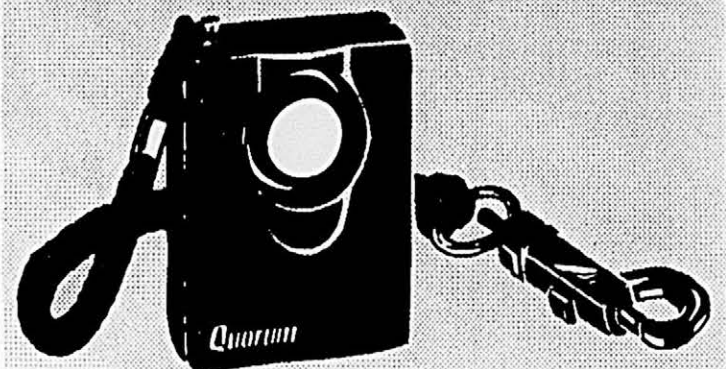
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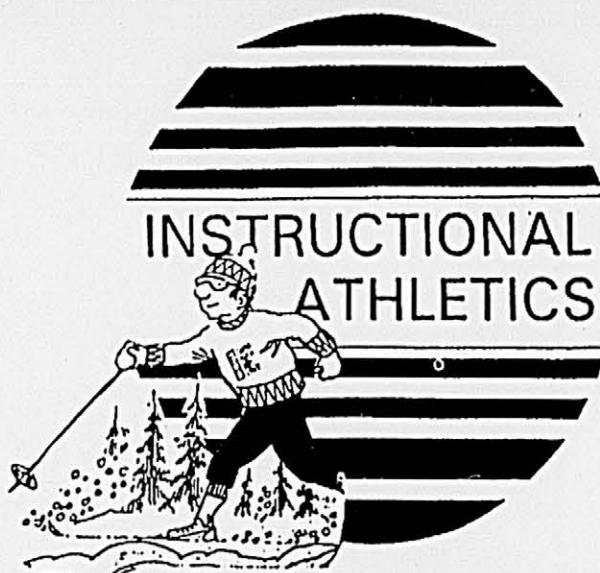
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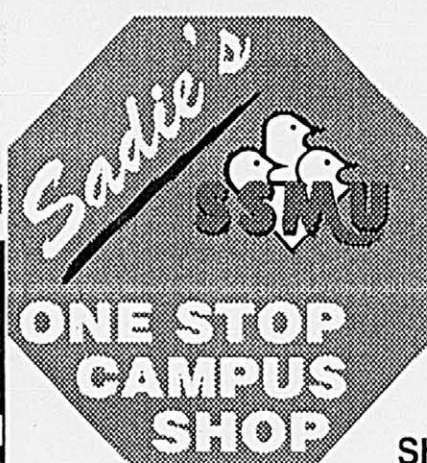
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